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Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Steven Saldivar, center left, addresses the audience at a public meeting at the high school board room Monday evening.

Public meeting positive, BSISD officials remark

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials got what they wanted Monday evening. The district hosted a public meeting to solicit citizens' input on a variety of issues, and an overflow crowd accepted the invitation. The major topics of conversation were the district's recent sub-par academic ranking from the Texas Education Agency, and — more importantly to the audience — what the district was going to do to correct the situation. Along with 87 other school districts in Texas, BSISD was rated

"academically unacceptable" by TEA earlier this year, mostly because student scores in critical areas of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test failed to meet state passage standards. While stating that students' test scores are only "a piece of the pie" in the educational process, Saldivar said the district will do everything possible to rid itself of the "unacceptable" tag. "Do we want to improve? You bet we do," Saldivar said. "Are we going to improve? You bet we are. Is it going to take some time? Unfortunately, it will."

A major challenge facing BSISD is that the district has changed drastically in the past 20 years, which means the way students are taught must change, also, he told the audience. "More than 70 percent of our students are classified as economically disadvantaged," he said, which has resulted in a widening gap between high-performing and low-performing students. "That means the way we teach these types of students has to be different ... You have to take the students where they are, and try

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County approves \$21M plan

Cuts hard to accept; forgotten promises?

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved the proposed 2011-2012 budget Monday on a unanimous vote, giving the nod to a fiscal plan worth approximately \$21 million.



According to County Judge Mark Barr, the budget suffered a number of cuts during this year's planning sessions, but will allow the county to make it through the coming year. "We lost some state funding — not nearly as much as the school districts, but enough to be felt — this year, so we had to make up for that in the budget," Barr said. "We lost about \$30,000 in state money." One departmental budget that took a heavy hit this year is the county library, which saw its book budget cut by \$5,000 and its books-on-CD and DVD budget cut from \$5,000 to \$3,000. According to Librarian Hollis McCright, the fiscal cuts will further limit the number of books and other reading materials the library will be able to offer to the community. "There's really no way around it. These budget cuts mean we'll have to cut back on the number of books we bring in," McCright said following the meeting. "Overall, our budget lost approximately \$60,000." The computer fund for the library also took a stiff hit in the newly adopted budget, going from \$5,000 in the previous fiscal plan to zero in the 2011-2012 budget.

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Dominique Dawes addressed a crowd of about 300 people Monday night. Dawes spoke at the Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Healthy Woman Event at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Dawes spoke about her Olympic journey and the inspiration and motivation she has found to help her achieve her goals.

Float and Fly set Saturday, Sunday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The skies above Comanche Trail Lake will be abuzz with activity Saturday and Sunday, as the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association prepares to hold its 18th annual Don McKinney Memorial Float and Fly. And while watching the model aircraft dip and dodge above the waters of the local lake is certainly a thrill for residents of every age, BSMA member and float-fly coordinator Robert Walker said the annual event has a very important goal. "We hold the float and fly at Comanche Trail Lake be-

cause it's the most visible venue," Walker said. "It's the best place for us to promote the sport. The planes we use on the water are considerably smaller than some of the planes we fly out at the old Howard County Airport, but it gives us a chance to try to attract new members to the association."

Walker said a decline in membership over the past several years has BSMA officials looking for a new way to attract young aviation enthusiasts to the sport.

"We're losing a lot of our older model aircraft pilots," Walker said.

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Obituaries

Emiliano Chagoya

Emiliano Chagoya, 80, of Lamesa died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, in Big Spring. Funeral service mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Joseph Kurumbel officiating. Burial will follow at Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born July 18, 1931, in Staples, Texas, and married Sylvia Lopez on May 5, 1971, in Kerman, Calif.

Emiliano moved from California to Lamesa in 1975. He worked as a custodian for Lamesa public schools for 25 years until his retirement. He moved to Big Spring in 2008 and was a Catholic.

He is survived by his daughters, Jessica Chagoya of Big Spring, Connie Castro of Lubbock, Teresa Gomez and Cruz Chagoya-Gaitan, both of San Antonio; a son, Emiliano Chagoya Jr. of Fort Worth; a sister, Maria Carmona Reyes of San Antonio; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Trinidad and Florencia Chagoya; a sister, Esther Chagoya; nine brothers, Juan Chagoya, Arturo Chagoya, Delfino Chagoya, Baltazar Chagoya, Fermin Chagoya, Melchor Chagoya, Francisco Chagoya, Gaspar Chagoya and Leandro Chagoya; and one grandchild.

Robert D. Barton

Robert D. Barton, 80, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 12, 2012, at his residence. No services are planned.

He was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Utica, Neb. He married Sarah Booth on Aug. 22, 1950, in Maryland. She preceded him in death April 17, 2006.

He has been a resident of Big Spring since 1970. He was retired from the United States Air Force.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Mark Barton and wife Roseanne and Michael Dean Barton and wife Colleen, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Sarah Brewster of Big Spring; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

The family suggests memorials to West Texas Parkinson's Foundation, 3610 22nd St., Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Mildred Murphy

Mildred Murphy, 96, of Big Spring passed away Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY
• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

Note: No arrests were reported for the corresponding times.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1300 block of S. Gregg Street.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of S. Aylesford.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

- ALAN CATON POWELL, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated – third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of 18th Street. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of Dixon. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Corry. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1500 block of Hilltop Road. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 5600 block of Service Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Runnels. Service refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of State. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GAS LEAK was reported in the area of Sycamore Street.

Take Note

• Big Spring High School Student Council would like to invite the community of Big Spring to join us to show Steer spirit during homecoming, as well as throughout the entire school year. We encourage all the businesses to decorate their business fronts/windows for homecoming. The theme of the homecoming and the parade is "Catch The Tide...Lei Out The Ranger." If any business and/or organization would like to participate in the homecoming parade, they need to call the high school and inform us of their entry. They may contact our advisor, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Hunt, or talk to the receptionist in the office. We must know by Wednesday, Sept. 21, in order to create a lineup for parade entries.

• Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment.

Immunizations will only be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

• ISAAH 58 Food Drive will take place until Sept. 23. Drop off locations are at the Big Spring Herald office, United Way office, Walmart and H-E-B. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

• American Cancer Society will have their board meetings starting noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

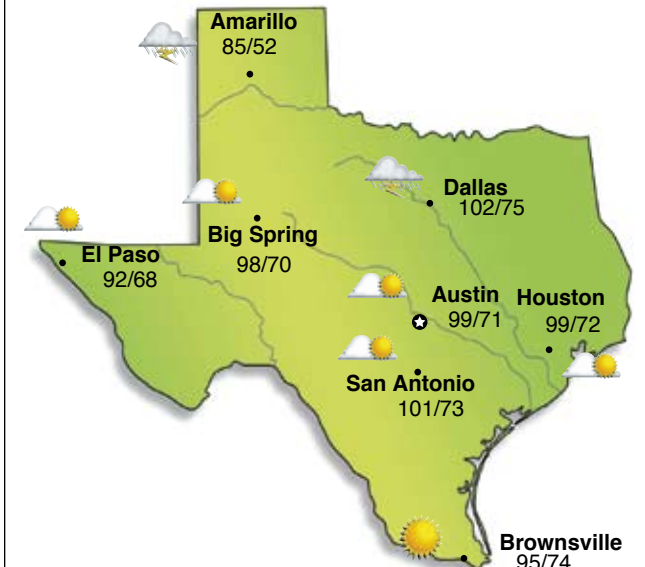
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 9/14	Thu 9/15	Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18
98/70 Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible.	76/62 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 60s.	88/69 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	92/68 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	92/68 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:52 PM	Sunrise: 7:30 AM Sunset: 7:51 PM	Sunrise: 7:31 AM Sunset: 7:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 7:48 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	100	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	99	73	sunny
Amarillo	85	52	t-storm	Livingston	100	68	t-storm
Austin	99	71	pt sunny	Longview	100	72	t-storm
Beaumont	96	72	t-storm	Lubbock	90	58	t-storm
Brownsville	95	74	sunny	Lufkin	101	69	t-storm
Brownwood	103	70	pt sunny	Midland	98	69	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	97	75	sunny	Raymondville	98	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	102	74	pt sunny	Rosenberg	99	71	pt sunny
Dallas	102	75	t-storm	San Antonio	101	73	pt sunny
Del Rio	99	76	pt sunny	San Marcos	100	71	pt sunny
El Paso	92	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	73	t-storm
Fort Stockton	99	70	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	67	pt sunny
Gainesville	100	68	t-storm	Tyler	100	71	t-storm
Greenville	100	71	t-storm	Weatherford	102	71	pt sunny
Houston	99	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	64	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	63	mst sunny	Minneapolis	58	39	pt sunny
Boston	81	62	pt sunny	New York	82	68	t-storm
Chicago	67	43	pt sunny	Phoenix	90	72	t-storm
Dallas	102	75	t-storm	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Denver	59	45	rain	Seattle	70	55	pt sunny
Houston	99	72	pt sunny	St. Louis	66	53	rain
Los Angeles	78	60	pt sunny	Washington, DC	89	69	t-storm
Miami	92	74	t-storm				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 9/14	Thu 9/15	Fri 9/16	Sat 9/17	Sun 9/18
10	8	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

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Saturday, children and adults got a chance to learn about shooting BB rifles. Wal-Mart and Daisy BB Gun Company, among others, set up the Wal-Mart Bonecutter Promotion in the Big Spring store parking lot. Pictured is Shannon Duncan with the local Boy Scouts of America. Shannon, along with other BSA volunteers, assisted with shooting and setup on the BB gun range. The Wal-Mart promotion continues nationwide for six more weeks. Anyone interested in becoming a Cub Scout or Boy Scout should contact Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

BSISD

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to close the educational gaps. Not all of us have the same cognitive abilities."

What the district must do, therefore, is develop lesson plans that engage students on their level, which only increases the need for dedicated, caring teachers, Saldivar noted. "Students will respond better if they know they are cared for," he said. "The teacher may be the only person that shows some of these students unconditional love, so the teacher holds the key to the student's success."

Given those factors, staff development will take on an even more important role within the district.

In addition, Saldivar said, each school within the district will have a "campus improvement team" which will be charged with identifying weak areas of student or teacher performance and devising plans to correct those weaknesses.

The district has already begun teaching a curriculum endorsed by TEA. The curriculum, called CSOPE, is designed to offer school districts flexibility while still teaching core subjects tested by the

state. To help teachers instruct under CSOPE guidelines, support will be given to them by administrators and campus curriculum specialists.

After the meeting, officials said the experience was a positive one.

"By the end of the meeting, I think people better understood some of the things we are trying to do," School Board President Jeff Brorman said. "We just need to build from this and make sure we're addressing the concerns of the citizens. After all, this is their district." "I think this is something that can be the start of something positive, not just for the school district, but for the community, as well," Saldivar noted. "We took something that could have been a negative and turned it into something positive ... If anything, we cleared the air."

Monday's meeting was the first of a planned series of monthly gatherings between school officials and the public. Future meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month in the high school board room.

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McCright voiced her concern for the cuts during the meeting, saying she sympathizes with the desire to lower property taxes, but her shrinking budget will translate into a reduction in services to local residents.

"I understand the newer commissioners want to lower the tax rate. I can sympathize with them," McCright said. "However, having been elected in just the past couple of years, they aren't necessarily aware of the history behind our budget."

McCright said she and other department heads were assured years ago

— when severe budget restraints caused the county to nix not only funding but jobs from its fiscal plan — those losses would be made up for when better financial days came around.

Unfortunately, that seems to be a promise that has been forgotten, McCright said.

"We were all told to hang in there, and when those budget constraints were gone we would have our funding restored. However, it hasn't been, and because the majority of our commissioners weren't around when those promises were made, we're all afraid it will never happen," she said.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners renewed the county

burn ban in an effort to stave off the recent rash of grass fires and wildfires in the Crossroads area.

"We hope to be able to lift the burn ban at some point, but there's really no telling when we are going to get the necessary rains," Barr said. "We'll just have to keep renewing the ban until we do."

Barr said there are exceptions to the ban, but area residents considering burning anything outdoors should make sure they have a good reason for doing so.

"This burn ban does not prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public safety that are authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, firefighter training,

public utility, gas lines and pipelines or the planting or harvesting of agricultural crops," said Barr. "Also, burns that are directed by prescribed burn managers are not prohibited by the burn ban.

"There are some exclusions from the ban. However, if you're going to burn something, you better have a really good reason. It's a \$500 fine, and if it gets away from you it can get a lot more expensive than that. We're going to enforce the law, and chances are you're going to end up in County Court. If anyone has any questions, they can call my office or call Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan."

Barr said the county recently received ap-

proximately \$5,000 in state aid to help fund the volunteer fire department, and more funds are being applied for at this time.

"In certain situations the state will pay approximately 75 percent of the costs of a fire, but it has to meet certain requirements," Barr said. "It has to threaten 100 or more homes to be eligible. We've had two or three fires this year that meet that criteria, and Tommy Sullivan is in the process of filing the necessary paper work."

Barr and the commissioners court have approved numerous budget amendments for the volunteer fire department since the number of wildfires in and around Howard County exploded earlier this

year.

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and we're just not seeing the interest from the younger age group," he said. "I believe part of the problem is the advance in the electronic age. Kids can get on their gaming system and pilot these types of aircraft, and some of these programs are fairly similar to actual flying. Unfortunately, it doesn't give the younger generation the chance to learn how to build and maintain these model aircraft. They simply hit the reset button."

The annual event — which will be held at Comanche Trail Park near the Dora Roberts Community Center and

is expected to take to the skies of the park from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday — will offer model aircraft pilots and enthusiasts the chance to take off from the waters of the city's municipal lake.

And while the spectacle of radio controlled aircraft is certainly a big draw for the annual event, Walker said the food — which is available at noon both days

— also brings its fair share of people to the lake's shore.

"We'll be cooking brisket," Walker said. "We'll offer that, along with potato salad and beans, for a very fair price. There are a lot of people that will come to the float and fly just to get a plate, so it's pretty popular. However, our main purpose for the event isn't to raise money, it's to raise awareness and

hopefully attract some new members to the BSMA."

Started in early 1990s by longtime BSMA member and advocate Don McKinney, the event was named in his honor. McKinney, who served 36 years on the Howard College Board of Trustees, passed away in 2009.

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Disapproval, of course, is a completely relative thing

If the 2012 election were held today, Republicans could very well have their heads handed to them. I do not think this alone. Their debt-ceiling high jinks were no doubt immensely amusing to the tea party fringe, but to those of us not getting the joke, they were an appalling attack on a fragile economy.

The tea party is turning from the voice of anger to its target, and Republicans have it hanging around their neck. The first trumpet blast of wrath came in labor leader James Hoffa's intemperate call at a Democratic rally to — and I tone him down considerably — turn its candidates out of office.

We've reached the part of the Western where the townsfolk, long intimidated by a gang of bullies, suddenly find their courage and fight back. A snowballing of suppressed rage bodes ill for the Grand Old Party.

Riding high on the empowering results of the 2010 midterm election, Republicans apparently imagined that despair over the economy equaled love for them. President Obama's falling approval numbers may also give them solace, but his ratings soar next to House Republicans'. And bear in mind that the new critics include liberals incensed by the president's lack of fervor — but who would not vote for a GOP hothead if hell froze over (in

the ultimate refutation of global warming).

The baddest sign of all is that the townsfolk are being joined by traditional Republicans (and we assume Republican-leaning independents) who can no longer hold their tongues. For example, former Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel told the Financial Times that he was "disgusted" by the campaign against raising the debt ceiling.

"It was an astounding lack of responsible leadership by many in the Republican Party, and I say that as a Republican," Hagel said. He characterized much of the recent stock market convulsions as "the complete direct result of the lack of confidence that came out of that folly."

Hagel held out the possibility that the Republican Party could "go down" in 2012 and that it would have to rebuild as it did after 1964.

In that year, Democrats gained the largest House majority held by any party since 1936.

Next in line are the Chamber of Commerce types who feel that the tea party politicians they supported in the 2010 elections double-crossed them by willfully hurting America's standing in world financial markets. In early June, U.S. Chamber President Thomas Donohue bluntly warned House Republicans that if they voted against raising the debt ceiling, "We'll get rid of you."

Many disobeyed, and their circus act helped push a U.S. debt downgrade. That unleashed a collapse of consumer confidence, further punishing businesses in an already tough economy.

Social security demagoguery is the province of Liberals

It is very disheartening to see Republican presidential primary candidates racing to out-demagogue one another in denouncing Texas Gov. Rick Perry's accurate description of Social Security as a Ponzi scheme. It used to be that Republicans at least waited until the general election campaign to pander to liberals.

I admire Perry both for telling it like it is and for having the guts to stand by his statement when under fire. That shows character.

Honest people have been warning for years that our entitlement programs, as structured, are imminent train wrecks. Democrats were even saying it for a while, as Bill Clinton and Al Gore made a phony fuss about placing Social Security in a lockbox.

It's nothing short of outrageous that our politicians' instincts are to attack those who are talking realistically about entitlements instead of join them in talking realistically. I understand Democrats not doing so; I don't even expect them to anymore. But it's unacceptable for Republicans to pile on.

Surely, everyone knows by now that our out-of-control entitlement spending poses a greater threat to the nation's future even than the unbelievably dangerous path of discretionary spending we are currently pursuing. Indeed, isn't the main reason most of the Republican candidates claim to be running that they want to help save America's financial future and get the economy going again?

Then why would some of them opportunistically embellish and even distort Perry's statement about Social Security? Politics is one thing, but their decision to grovel on this critical issue does long-term damage to our ability to defeat Democrats on

the issue of entitlement reform and otherwise to secure passage of legislation that would restructure reforms.

For decades, the straight shooters among us have been pointing out that Social Security is a Ponzi scheme. What would you call a plan that has forced Americans to entrust a significant portion of their earnings to politicians who have raided them as if they were general revenue?

Don't you dare tell me that there is nothing wrong with this practice because these greedy, do-gooder politicians have substituted government IOUs in place of the Social Security revenues, which should have been earmarked for recipients. An IOU from the government is a fraud; it's a chimera; it's a phantom asset, especially when the government itself is bankrupt.

Our government no longer has the money to honor these debts it so casually and cavalierly took on instead of having taken the responsible path all these years and lived within its means.

Regardless of whether you believe the Social Security system, as now structured, satisfies the precise elements of a Ponzi scheme, you have to admit that if it had been correctly designed and administered, it would not be approaching insolvency and threatening our liberty and prosperity.

Have we reached the point that telling the truth about certain programs is an automatic death warrant for your campaign? Personally, I don't believe so.

It's fine and good for candidates to claim they have strong business experience, know how to grow the economy and would be fiscally frugal. But one's stated policies mean nothing if he doesn't have the character to stand by them when they're under attack or when it becomes politically expedient to do otherwise. Politicians severely harm their own credibility when, for whatever reason, they choose to attack their competitors for

Holding America's credit rating hostage goes along the same anarchic lines as the Republicans' 1995 shutdown of the federal government, led by then House Speaker Newt Gingrich. That stunt also turned popular distaste toward Republicans.

It was against that sour public mood that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the Kansas Republican, tried in 1996 to prevent the re-election of Bill Clinton. He lost. Note recent polls showing that twice as many Americans blame congressional Republicans for the lowered debt rating as they blame Democrats.

And remember America's most famous political upset in 1948. Almost no one thought Democratic President Harry Truman would get a second term. But after railing against the "do-nothing" Republican Congress, he won the election — and Democrats took majority control of both the House and Senate besides.

The Republicans may still hear loud clapping, but they should observe how many have left the theater. To win, their opponents don't have to be liked. They just have to be liked more than them.

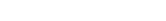
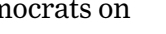
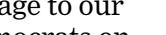
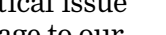
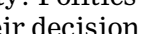
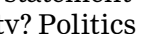
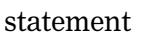
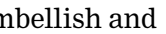
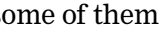
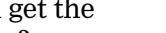
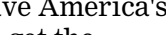
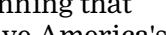
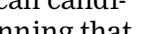
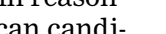
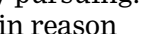
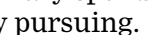
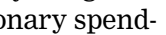
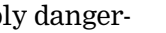
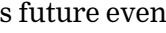
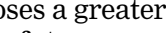
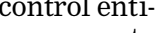
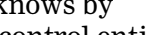
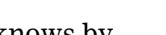
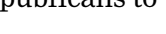
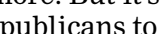
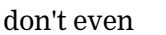
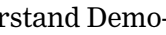
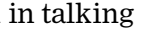
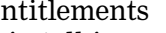
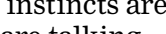
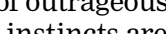
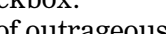
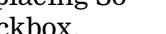
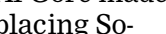
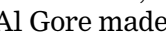
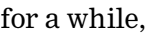
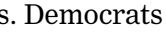
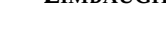
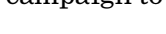
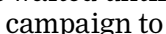
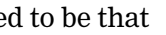
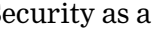
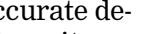
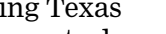
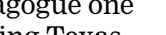
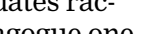
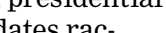
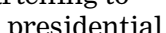
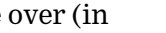
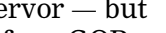
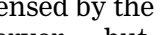
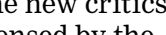
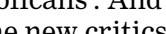
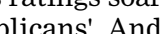
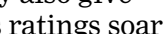
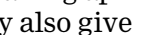
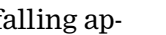
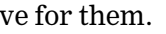
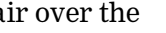
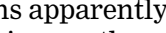
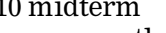
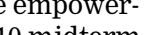
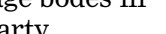
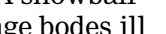
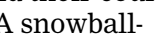
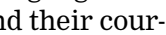
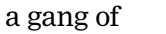
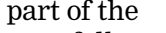
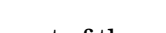
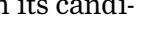
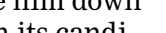
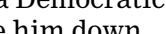
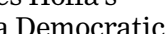
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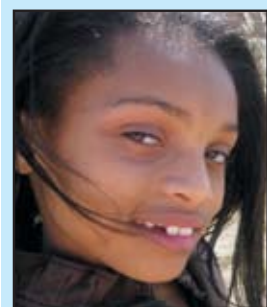
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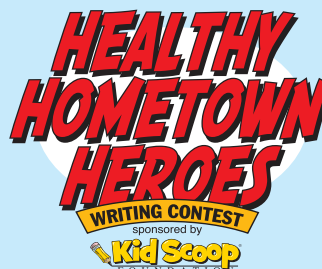
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basketball for one hour,
fill in an entire circle.



Young Journalist Wins Interview with WNBA Star

This past year, Sydney LA Ricks, a third grade and also won the Kid Scoop Foundation Healthy Hometown Heroes essay contest!

Winning meant she had the opportunity to spend her summer as a writer. She got to select and interview a nationally recognized healthy hero. She selected WNBA All-Star and three-time Olympic winner, Tamika Catchings. Below is part of her article. Read the rest at www.kidscoop.com/kids.



CATCHINGS DROPS ASTHMA, SLAM DUNKS LIFE

By Sydney LA Ricks, Kid Scoop Hometown Heroes Essay Contest Winner

WNBA All-Star and three-time Olympic winner, Tamika Catchings has asthma, but asthma doesn't have her. Although her father _____ in the NBA, basketball was not the first sport to interest her.



Tamika Catchings of the WNBA's Indiana Fever

Soccer was her first love and _____ followed. In 7th grade, she began to play basketball and eventually _____ her asthma. In 2001, Catchings was drafted by the Indiana Fever and showed her true _____ for the game.

Fighting Asthma

She started noticing changes in her body. "I started to feel _____ all the time, so I went to get checked," said Catchings. She learned that her asthma had returned.

Her _____ is to talk to your parents about how you feel and go to the doctor. Now that she knows about her condition, she makes sure her albuterol pump is within _____ in case she feels short of breath during a game.



Catchings is not shy about success; however, she _____ she did not always have healthy habits. To stay one step ahead of her asthma, she eats healthy foods, gets plenty of rest and listens to her body. "I didn't like fish when I was growing up, but I eat it now because it's _____ for you," she said.

Healthy Habits

She considers her time important and doesn't want it to be _____ over by basketball. Catchings encourages others and leads by _____ as an athlete who plays with a _____ condition. She has not let asthma take over her social activities either, as she still makes time for friends and family.

Replace each of the missing words in Sydney's article.

TAKEN
HEALTHY
MEDICAL
EXAMPLE
ADMITS
REACH

TALENT
PLAYED
TIRED
SOFTBALL
OUTGREW
ADVICE

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Star-Studded Words

To find out what each of these words is "worth," change each letter into a number using this code: A=1, B=2, C=3 and so forth until you get to Z=26. Which word on each jersey adds up to the highest number? The first one is done for you.



Standards Links: Number Sense: Add using regrouping.

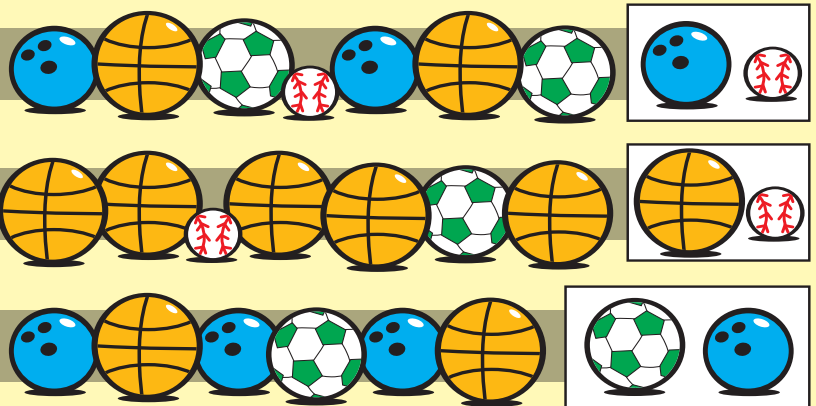
Extra! Extra!
Words Add Up

Select five words from the newspaper and use the number code to find out what each of them adds up to. Which word's value is highest?

Standards Links: Number Sense: Add using regrouping.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the ball that should come next to complete the pattern in each row.



Standards Links: Investigation: Follow and complete patterns.



Find out more about Tamika's "Catching Stars Foundation" by visiting www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

CATCHINGS
ALBUTEROL
ATHLETE
HEALTHY
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TALENT
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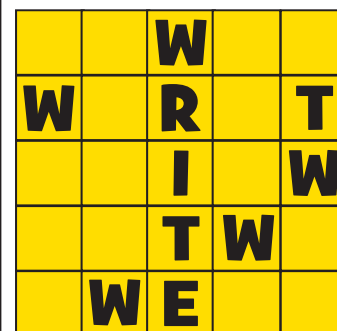
Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WRITE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

What is a hero?

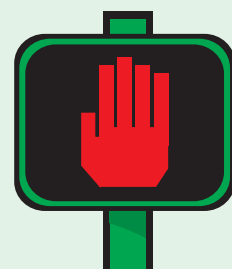
List several actions Tamika has taken that show she is a hero. Then look through the newspaper for articles about other people who are working to make your community a healthy place to live.

Standards Links: Civics: Understand the role an individual plays in civic responsibility.



What can run but can't walk?

ANSWER: A drop of water.



STUMPED? Answers to this week's puzzles available at www.kidscoop.com

Write On!

Healthy Hero

Who do you think is a Healthy Hero in your hometown? Explain why.

News in brief

Analysis: GOP rivals try to dent

Perry's record on jobs, immigration

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Rick Perry's bid for the Republican presidential nomination will rise or fall on his 10-year record as Texas governor.

In Monday's crackling GOP debate, his rivals attacked that record as never before, led by a newly energized Mitt Romney and hard-charging Michele Bachmann.

Perry, holding his own but looking besieged at times, defended himself vigorously on most fronts. He acknowledged mishandling a schoolgirl vaccination program, however, and asked for understanding about Texas' need to work with illegal immigrants who seek citizenship and college educations.

As President Barack Obama might say: Welcome to the role of an incumbent with a complex record to defend from critics on all sides.

The spirited exchanges showed that the top Republican candidates differ not merely in style but on key issues such as immigration, health policy and Social Security. For now, at least, Perry is the front-runner the others are hoping to catch.

Obama to visit swing state

Ohio to promote jobs plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is visiting a school undergoing a multimillion-dollar renovation to sell his proposal for creating more jobs. And it's no coincidence that the school is in Ohio, the home state of House Speaker John Boehner, a critic of the president's proposal to tax the rich to pay for his plan.

The visit Tuesday to Columbus, Ohio, is designed to promote \$25 billion in school modernization and infrastructure spending that's part of the \$447 billion jobs bill Obama sent Monday to Congress.

Boehner's district is farther west, but Obama will be in Republican territory in a key swing state for the 2012 presidential election. Boehner's office had no comment on Obama's visit.

After receiving the president's jobs proposal politely after he unveiled it before Congress last week, Boehner and other Republicans grew notably more skeptical Monday once the White House announced plans to pay for the costly measure entirely with tax increases on the rich and corporations that the GOP has already rejected.

Europe struggles to

contain Greek debt crisis

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel sought to calm febrile markets Tuesday that Greece is heading for a chaotic default on its debts as Europe struggles to contain a crippling financial crisis that is roiling global markets.

Her comments come a day after her deputy raised the possibility of a default, and come ahead of an-

other telephone discussion between Greece's finance minister and his German counterpart.

Fears of an imminent Greek default have pushed interest rates on the country's 10-year government bonds up further Tuesday to over 24 percent, even though Merkel sounded a note of optimism regarding Greece's chances of getting the next batch of bailout cash from the so-called troika — the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Representatives from the three organizations are due back in Athens this week.

"Everything that I hear from Greece is that the Greek government has hopefully understood the signs of the time and is now doing the things that are on the daily agenda," Merkel said on rbb-Info-radio. "The fact that the troika is returning means that Greece has started doing some things that need to be done."

Food defense plans still

unwieldy a decade after Sept. 11

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — One of the deepest fears sweeping a shattered nation following the Sept. 11 attacks was that terrorists might poison the country's food.

Hoping to ease people's anxieties about what they were eating, President George W. Bush vowed to draw a protective shield around the food supply and defend it from farm to fork.

An Associated Press analysis of the programs found that the government has spent at least \$3.4 billion on food counter-terrorism in the last decade, but key programs have been bogged down in a huge, multi-headed bureaucracy. And with no single agency in charge, officials acknowledge it's impossible to measure whether orchards or feedlots are actually any safer.

On Tuesday, a Senate subcommittee will hold a hearing to examine a congressional watchdog's new report revealing federal setbacks in protecting cattle and crops since Sept. 11. Just days after the 10th anniversary of the attacks, lawmakers are demanding answers about potential food-related threats and reports that the government could have wasted money on languishing agriculture anti-terror programs.

Obama moves at historic

pace to diversify federal bench

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is moving at a historic pace to try to diversify the nation's federal judiciary: Nearly three of every four people he has gotten confirmed to the federal bench are women or minorities. He is the first president who hasn't selected a majority of white males for lifetime judgeships.

More than 70 percent of Obama's confirmed judicial nominees during his first two years were "non-traditional," or nominees who were not white

males. That far exceeds the percentages in the two-term administrations of Bill Clinton (48.1 percent) and George W. Bush (32.9 percent), according to Sheldon Goldman, author of the authoritative book "Picking Federal Judges."

"It is an absolutely remarkable diversity achievement," said Goldman, a political science professor at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, who is only counting judges once, even if they fit more than one category.

The White House recently has been touting its efforts to diversify the federal bench during Obama's tenure, now approaching three years in office.

Smaller, costly 9/11 memorials

across U.S. still unpaid for

(AP) — The memorial started with a steel beam salvaged from the World Trade Center — a small piece of the terrorist attacks that the city of Pembroke Pines, Fla., was determined to honor in its own way.

Nobody from this coastal town died on Sept. 11. But plans for its memorial grew ever more elaborate — at one point projected to cost more than \$1 million — as the years passed.

"It was a glass-enclosed, air-conditioned house," recalled the city's mayor, Frank Ortis. "With a reflection pool and water running down, hurricane-resistant glass. Obviously we couldn't do that."

Hundreds of small memorials to Sept. 11 have bloomed across the country in the 10 years since the attacks. But in many towns, what began as a simple tribute to the dead turned into an expensive headache as the cost of building such memorials ballooned and the economy deteriorated.

Still short of funds, some cities dramatically scaled down the scope of the projects, paid the outstanding bill with public money or abandoned a memorial altogether. Others remain unfinished with no completion date in sight.

Poll: Government, military

trusted to keep Americans safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress may be in the doghouse with the American public, but the broader government — especially the military — gets high marks for keeping the nation safe and secure, a new poll suggests.

What's more, nearly seven in 10 Americans are trying to make things better by volunteering, a sign that optimism survives in a nation riled by partisan policy fights and economic uncertainty.

"It's very healthy because it indicates that although we are annoyed, skeptical and have less trust than we'd like in our institutions, we are not hopeless," said David Eisner, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, which partnered on the poll with The Associated Press. "We believe that the bedrock values and principles that we built our society on are right."

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Caught in a storm: Saga of young owls

Promising our area potential thunderstorms, the leading edge of a cool front collided with extreme temperatures that seemed endless. Massive clouds grew quickly, gathered momentum, and threatened a five-county area.

Glancing toward the southwest, a field hand hurriedly drove toward a barn. Once equipment was safely inside, he headed for his small, frame house provided by the owner of the farm.

From inside, he, his wife, and children noticed the light of day was quickly turning into an early, dark evening. With the first clap of thunder, his two boys huddled against their mother.

As the intensity of the storm increased, the family heard a distant roar that became louder and louder. Finally, the full brunt of nature's might struck the wooden structure.

With the wind and rain came pea-sized hail followed by ice the size of ping-pong balls. The deafening sound of even larger hail striking the roof and windows caused the family to leave the windows and seek safety in a hall closet.

As the noise subsided, the family discovered adjacent rooms thoroughly soaked and littered with glass and debris. Outside, his old pickup had a smashed windshield and was badly dented.

Stepping down from the porch, the man felt the cool, damp aftermath of the storm. In the distance, sunlight was starting to appear through the remaining clouds. It was then he wondered if the birds had survived.

In a large tree that once was home to a red-tailed hawk, an adult owl had claimed an abandoned nest as her own. For several years, the man had watched



With their bright yellow eyes, tawny facial disks, and mottled, barred plumage, these adult great horned owls are picturesque in appearance. Weighing three pounds as adults, with a wingspan of four feet, they will eat almost any live mammal or bird their size or smaller. Not on their menu, however, is carrion.

Courtesy photo

as the great horned owl used and reused the large, stick structure.

Lately, her two offspring had been seen investigating parts of the tree. Flapping their wings, they were growing bolder in discovering a world outside their birthplace.

As he approached the tree, he recognized the remnants of twigs and branches that had once held a family. A few feet beyond lay the adult owl. Pummeled by hail, she hopefully had died quickly from the stones that hit her head.

Not finding the fledglings, the man was desperate to know if they had survived. After checking inside the barn and finding nothing, he began a thorough search of the surrounding land. Even with his wife and boys looking, they found nothing.

Having watched them since they were downy white, he had seen their fuzzy appearance change to buff. The feathering of their wings, tail, back, and most of their bodies had followed. Their

heads had been the last to sport wisps of down among the feathers.

With their ear tufts and white throats becoming noticeable, they had displayed the usual spreading wings, popping bills, and threatening gestures. Resembling their parents, the fledglings were mottled brown above and heavily barred below. Although they had left the security of their nest, they were still dependent upon their parents for feeding and protection while they learned to fly and hunt.

Realizing they might never know the fate of the birds, the man and his wife slowly climbed the steps leading to the front porch. As he opened the screen door for her, one of the boys screamed for them to come quick.

"Under the trailer," continued the excited youths. "Daddy, they're under the cotton trailer!"

The one place he had failed to look was under an old trailer that had been used to haul cotton to the gin. With modern equipment to

form the "white loaves of bread" that dot the fields during harvest, the old relic with its screened sides had been towed to a spot near the barn. Hating to see it go unused, the man had requested this one from the owner in case he could think of some future usage.

With each boy standing guard at an end of the trailer, the man and his wife were positioned on either side. While she used a broom to prod each reluctant fledgling, the man lay on his back waiting to grab it.

Finally, each owl was captured after menacing screams, popping

bills, flapping wings and awkward running. Asking his boys to fetch his wire cutters and hay, the man and his wife acted quickly.

After she had gathered some old blankets from the house, she covered the owls. With each boy holding a bird, he cut an entrance in one end of the trailer. After spreading hay on the bottom, he placed an old stump and dead limb inside for their use.

Not knowing how long it would take for the owls to fly out of the top of the trailer, he felt he could support their ravenous appetites with raw chicken, lean beef, and mice caught in the barn. His endeavor to finish raising the raptors lasted until his possession of the birds was made known, by word-of-mouth, to a game warden.

Telling us how much he admired the man for his efforts regarding the young owls, the officer said the farm hand willingly offered to bring them to us. "He'll be calling you soon."

When the man and his family arrived, their sadness in relinquishing the owls was evident. Learning that the raptors would be placed in a long mew to encourage their urge to fly seemed to calm the family's hesitation and concerns.

Accessing lower

BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



perches, the owls would progress to flying the full length of their quarters. Once in a flight facility, they could master the taller roosts. Flying silently from one end to the other with ease, they would soon have the company of other fledglings.

During the night, the birds would be lured to live mice held captive by the sides of a large container. As their hunger dictated, the owls could swoop down to catch their prey. Their release in canyon country would enable them to find rabbits, rats, skunks and opossums so necessary to their diet.

With a last look at their two charges, the family left knowing that the owls they had rescued were assured a successful future. In a time of need, the old trailer had served the family and its occupants in a way the man had never expected.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

sudoku

ANSWERS

1	9	3	7	8	4	6	2	5
6	8	2	3	5	9	4	7	1
4	5	7	1	6	2	3	8	9
5	1	9	2	7	6	8	3	4
8	7	4	5	9	3	1	6	2
3	2	6	8	4	1	9	5	7
9	6	8	4	2	7	5	1	3
2	3	5	9	1	8	7	4	6
7	4	1	6	3	5	2	9	8

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If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong

Not long ago, I was reading about how some humorists use sentence structure or phrasing to produce a surprising or unexpected result in their comments.

This causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part of the sentence and provides a humorous or dramatic effect to the

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



final part of the phrase.

People like Groucho Marx, Mark Twain and Will Rogers were

masters of this art and are known as paraprosdokians.

I would like to capture your attention with a few of these phrases and see if you remember any of them:

She got her good looks from her father; he's a plastic surgeon. One morning I shot

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5			2		6			4
	7			9				6
3			8		1			7
9	6	8				5		3
	3			1		7	4	
		1	6		5	2		

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RYAN

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an elephant in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas I'll never know.

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on the list.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

Knowledge is understanding that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

A bus station is where a bus stops; a train station is where a train stops; on my desk, I have a work station.

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity,

they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.

A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.

Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "In an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR."

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Always borrow money from a pessimist; he won't expect it back.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

I discovered I scream the same way whether I'm about to be devoured by a great white shark or if a piece of seaweed touches my foot.

There's a fine line between

cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.

A toddler is a child just learning to walk but whose fundamental job is to rule the universe.

The only thing that children wear out faster than their shoes is their parents.

Families are like cereal, mostly sweet but with a few flakes and nuts.

For older folks it is very important to have a twinkle in their wrinkle.

It's important to realize that I have kleptomania but I am taking things for it.

And, as I had a friend that once said, "I am a Nobody; nobody is perfect, therefore I am perfect!" I'm still trying to figure that one out!

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand — Part 2

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	5 3 2		
♥	6		
♦	A K 10 9 4		
♣	Q 9 5 3		
WEST			
♠	A 9 4		
♥	7 3		
♦	Q 7		
♣	A K 10 8 7 2		
EAST			
♠	J 10 8 6		
♥	9 8 5 2		
♦	J 8 5		
♣	6 4		

SOUTH			
♠	K Q 7		
♥	A K Q J 10 4		
♦	6 3 2		
♣	J		

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	2♦	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Yesterday we described a series of fine defensive plays made by the young French star Jean-Marc Roudinesco, who held the West hand. He led the king of clubs, shifted to a low spade, and when declarer won and played the A-K-Q of trumps, he discarded the queen of diamonds!

Without this extraordinary discard, South would have made the contract easily. He would have led diamonds twice toward dummy and allowed West to hold the trick whenever he played the queen.

But the declarer was another young French star, Jean-Paul Meyer, who realized why Roudinesco had ditched the queen of diamonds. He saw that if he led a diamond and finessed the nine, East would return a spade, and the contract would be kaput.

So, to prevent this, Meyer embarked on a line of play designed to overcome Roudinesco's imaginative defense. He cashed three more trumps and then led a diamond to the king, producing this position:

North			
♠	5		
♥	A		
♦	Q 9		
West			
♠	A 9		
♥	A 10		
South			
♠	Q 7		
♥	3 2		

Declarer next cashed the ace of diamonds, and Roudinesco found himself in a helpless position. If he discarded a spade, Meyer would next lead a spade and score his 10th trick with dummy's queen of clubs at the end. And if Roudinesco discarded a club instead — which is what he actually did — declarer would score his 10th trick with the spade queen after leading a club from dummy and discarding a diamond. Either way, South was sure to triumph.

Tomorrow: How to capture a queen.

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Source: OU, Texas discuss Big 12

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

Texas and Oklahoma officials met over the weekend amid speculation that the Sooners are considering leaving the Big 12, a person at a knowledge school with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

Texas President William Powers Jr., athletic director DeLoss Dodds and women's athletic director Chris Plonsky were among a group of

Texas officials who went to Oklahoma on Sunday, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the individual isn't authorized to speak publicly about the meeting.

The person also said Oklahoma president David Boren was present at the meeting, which was first reported by the Austin American-Statesman.

Oklahoma officials are reportedly considering leaving

the Big 12 after Texas A&M's recent decision to leave the conference with hopes of joining the Southeastern Conference.

On Sept. 2, Boren said multiple conferences have expressed interest in the Sooners and that he expected a decision possibly this month. That could be a move to the Pac-12 or remaining in a revised Big 12 that could be searching for a team to replace Texas A&M.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott has indicated his conference would not be the first to pursue expansion but would monitor the situation nationwide and possibly react to events.

Texas officials have publicly stated their desire to keep the Big 12 intact.

The league was nearly torn apart in 2010 as Nebraska went to the Big Ten and Colorado went to the Pac-12. The Pac-12 also courted Texas,

Texas Tech, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State but those schools chose to stay in the Big 12.

Since then, Texas has made a 20-year, \$300 million deal with ESPN for its new Longhorn Network, a 24-hour showcase for Texas athletics that has caused several Big 12 members to worry it gives the Longhorns too much power and influence, especially in the areas of exposure and recruiting.

Cowboys have Romo's back despite mistakes

By JAIME ARON
AP Pro Football Writer

IRVING — All that time off watching from the sideline last season, all those offseason practices he led, even getting married — none of it could shake Tony Romo from his habit of reckless gambles that turn into costly late-game mistakes.

Twice in the final 10 minutes Sunday night, all Romo had to do was throw the ball away, or simply fall down. Had he done the smart, safe thing on either play, the Dallas Cowboys likely would've come away with a stunning start to their season.

Instead, he fumbled 3 yards from the end zone and threw an interception that set up a field goal, leaving the Cowboys with a different kind of stunning finish: a loss to the New York Jets that marked the first time in 248 tries that Dallas couldn't

cash in on a fourth-quarter lead of at least 14 points — according to STATS LLC.

"I cost us a football game," Romo said afterward.

Cowboys fans and critics took to the Internet and airwaves Monday to wholeheartedly agree, dredging up all his past mistakes. The tone of the bashings was that this meltdown is further proof Dallas will never win a Super Bowl as long as Romo is playing quarterback, that he's too much of a gunslinger and not enough of a leader.

Inside the locker room Monday, the view was completely different.

Teammates insisted the Cowboys wouldn't have been in position to win had Romo not played so well the first 50 minutes, and that there were plenty of other mistakes that contributed to the loss. They also

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AP file photo
Dallas quarterback Tony Romo made two costly mistakes in the Cowboys' 27-24 loss to the New York Jets Sunday night.

In brief

Lady Steers boosters to meet

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Sept. 22 in the high school library.

Parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, cross country, cheerleading, or track, as well as coaches of those sports are invited and encouraged to attend.

Junior High parents are also welcome.

Slive remains hopeful SEC will add Texas A&M

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive said he remains hopeful Texas A&M will join the league by next season and that the SEC has started to look at schedules for next year involving 13 teams.

In a statement Monday, Slive also said the SEC was not currently looking to expand beyond Texas A&M.

The SEC has no "immediate plans" to add a 14th team, he said. Slive said the conference isn't "thinking in terms of numbers" and that the league only considers the strength of the SEC and the "attractiveness of Texas A&M as an institution."

SEC presidents voted to accept Texas A&M last week, but the invitation was contingent on Texas A&M being free of legal issues regarding its departure from the Big 12. Several Big 12 schools, including Baylor, have said they have waived their right to consider litigation.

Slive was once again adamant Monday that Texas A&M approached the SEC about membership and that the league was not trying to poach schools from other conferences. But his statement is more proof that conference realignment is closer to reality.

"In the 78 year history of the SEC, the conference had accepted the membership applications of only two institutions — Arkansas and South Carolina," Slive said.

Brady passes Pats to victory

STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Desperate to slow down Tom Brady, the Miami Dolphins tried playing 12 men on defense.

That didn't work. They threw a penalty. Using only 11 defenders was even worse.

Brady threw for a team-record 517 yards and four touchdowns, including a 99-yarder to Wes Welker, and the New England Patriots opened their season Monday night by beating Miami 38-24.

Brady and the reigning AFC East champions picked up where they left off last season, when he was a unanimous choice

for NFL MVP, and his team led the league in scoring.

"He's a great quarterback," teammate Aaron Hernandez said, "and the world knows that."

New England totaled 622 yards, the most in franchise history and the most allowed by Miami. Brady's performance overshadowed Miami's Chad Henne, who threw for a career-high 416 yards.

The 906 net yards passing by both teams was an NFL record.

"They made some plays on us," Brady said. "We made a few more than them."

Even by Patriots standards — they're 1-0 for the

eighth consecutive year — this was a fast start.

Defensive end Jared Odrick picked off a deflected pass to set up a Miami touchdown and end Brady's NFL-record streak of 358 passes without an interception. Otherwise Brady was close to flawless.

Brady went 32 for 48 and became the 11th quarterback to throw for at least 500 yards. Norm Van Brocklin set the record of 554 yards in 1951.

Brady thrived directing a no-huddle attack that kept the Dolphins on their heels.

"I enjoy scoring points," Brady said. "So whatever we need to do to score

points, that's what I want to do."

The capper came with 5:44 left and the Patriots leading 31-17. After they stopped Miami on downs at the 1-foot line, Brady lined up in the shotgun on first down and threw from his end zone to Welker, who had slipped behind Benny Sapp near the 30-yard line.

"When I saw the coverage as we lined up, I knew there was a strong possibility I could be getting the ball," Welker said. "I just wanted to make the most of the opportunity."

He did, catching the pass in stride and sprinting un-

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Record-tying field goal sinks Denver

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER — Sebastian Janikowski figures his celebration over his long field goal will be short-lived.

After all, Matt Prater kicks at this altitude eight times a year to Janikowski's one.

"He's the only guy I've got to worry about if he's going to break the record," Janikowski said after his record-tying 63-yarder helped the Oakland Raiders beat the Denver Broncos 23-20 Monday night.

Janikowski said he dreamt of just such a historic field goal Saturday night and nailed a kick

from 70 yards out during warmups.

His 63-yard kick tumbled above the crossbar near the left upright as the first half expired, giving Oakland a 16-3 lead.

"To be honest, I didn't hit it that good," said Janikowski, ever the perfectionist. "It barely got over the bar."

Janikowski also was true from 37 and 21 yards. Prater made a 28- and a 30-yarder but was wide right on a 56-yard attempt in the first half, just his fourth miss from 50-plus yards in 13 career tries.

That was the difference in a foul- and fist-filled night between the AFC

West archrivals.

The Raiders (1-0) won in Denver for the fourth straight season in coach Hue Jackson's NFL head coaching debut, and handed the Broncos (0-1) their first loss in a home opener since 2000. John Fox lost his debut as Denver's coach, and he lost at least two playmakers in the process.

Pass-rusher Elvis Dumervil was relegated to situational duty for three quarters after irritating a left shoulder injury that he originally sustained during practice last week. And perennial Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey injured his left hamstring

making a touchdown-saving tackle of Darren McFadden, who ran 22 times for 150 yards.

"It's very disappointing because we talk about having to stop Darren McFadden, and we don't do everything to stop him," said Bailey, who will go for an MRI Tuesday.

Without a ground game themselves, the Broncos went to the air and cut the deficit to 23-20 with just under four minutes left on Kyle Orton's short TD toss to Lance Ball — with both his top target, Brandon Lloyd (groin), and top tailback, Knowshon Moreno

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Astros top Phillies, 5-1

HOUSTON (AP) — Carlos Lee spoiled the Houston homecoming for Roy Oswalt and Hunter Pence.

He hit a two-run homer off Oswalt and the Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 Monday night. Oswalt tried to sneak a curveball past his former teammate.

"I was trying to throw it down and away," Oswalt said. "I had two strikes on him, and I thought I could throw it down and away for a strike, but he popped it up and it went out. Crawford seats got me here before. I knew it wasn't going very far — front row. He hit it far enough to get out."

Despite the loss, Philadelphia's magic number for gaining at least a wild-card playoff spot dropped to one with St. Louis' 6-5 loss to Pittsburgh. The Phillies are trying to make the playoffs for the fifth straight year. They won the World Series in 2008 and lost in it in 2009.

Oswalt (7-9), who pitched 10

seasons for the Astros, faced his former teammates for the first time at Minute Maid Park since he was traded to the Phillies in July 2010.

Pence, traded by Houston to the Phillies in July, got two hits off Brett Myers (5-13).

Both Oswalt and Pence received warm ovations on their first plate appearances.

"I didn't expect it to feel as weird as it did," Pence said. "It was strange. The support they gave me was incredible. I'm not sure I was expecting that, but it was humbling. It was familiar but unfamiliar at the same time."

Myers allowed six hits in eight innings. He struck out four and walked one. Myers has allowed three earned runs in his last 22 2-3 innings.

"Sometimes you go out there and don't want to throw a pitch because they know it's coming or they have something on you," Myers said. "You just have to mix it up and keep them (as) off balance as possible."

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Oswalt pitched seven innings, allowed five earned runs, struck out two and walked two.

J.D. Martinez got three hits and scored three runs for Houston.

He opened the fourth inning with a double and scored on a single by Brian Bogusevic. Humberto Quintero's double scored Bogusevic for a 2-1 lead.

Martinez singled with two outs in the fourth and scored on Lee's 16th homer into the Crawford boxes in left field for a 4-1 lead.

Martinez got his third hit off Oswalt in the seventh. After Oswalt hit Lee with a pitch, he scored on a grounder by Bogusevic.

"He's a guy that throws any pitch on any count," Martinez said. "We stuck with the approach and hit off his fastball and adjusted everything else. You never know what's coming off him."

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(hamstring) on the sideline.

The Raiders, who ran for 190 yards, salted away the win by controlling the clock and were able to line up in victory formation after Michael Bush's 12-yard run to midfield for the first down at the 2-minute warning.

Other than his late TD throw, Orton had a tough night. He completed 24 of 46 passes for 304 yards with an interception. As he left the field, fans were chanting, "Tebow! Tebow!" for second-year quarterback Tim Tebow, who had an awful camp and is probably the No. 3 quarterback behind Brady Quinn.

Janikowski's kick on the final play of the first half tied the NFL mark set by Tom Dempsey in 1970 and matched by Denver's Jason Elam in 1998 at the old Mile High Stadium.

"I wanted to be 10 years

in the league, break the record or tie the record and I want to win a Super Bowl," Janikowski said. "Those are my three goals. I've got two out of three."

Janikowski's teammate, punter Shane Lechler, added a 77-yard punt in the fourth quarter, tying a team record set by Wayne Crow a half century ago.

"It's phenomenal, both of them," Jackson said. "What Sebastian did was unheard of. I think we have two of the best kickers in the league. I trust those guys, believe in them. What a kick. Obviously, a lot of people think that was the difference in the game."

Lechler's punt bounced into the end zone for a touchback, and that's just what Jackson wanted out of his punter after watching Eric Decker return his previous punt 90 yards for a touchdown. It was the eighth TD on a punt or kickoff return on opening weekend, the most in a single week in NFL history.

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touched for the score to complete the longest play in Patriots history.

"Awesome," Brady said. "I only threw it 25 yards. Wes did all the work."

Brady also threw touchdown passes on consecutive plays. He hit Hernandez for

a 31-yard score, and when a replay review determined the receiver was down at the 1, Brady threw to him again for a TD on the next play.

His other scoring passes covered 10 yards to Rob Gronkowski and 2 yards to Welker.

"Some of their scores ended up looking like it was kind of easy," Miami coach Tony Sparano said.

Said Brady: "I wouldn't say

it was easy at all."

He was sacked only once, and good protection gave his receivers plenty of time to work their way open.

Newcomer Chad Ochocino was targeted three times and had only one catch for 14 yards. But Welker made eight receptions for 160 yards against his former team, and tight ends Hernandez and Gronkowski combined for 189 yards on 13 catches.

"It wasn't a one-man band out there," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "We had a lot of contributions."

The Dolphins' defense returned virtually intact from last season and was expected to be the team's strength, but Brady riddled them from the start. He completed his first eight passes for 127 yards on the Patriots' first two possessions, and both ended with TDs.

Brady's first interception since Oct. 17 came early in the third quarter, when he tried to hit Julian Edelman in the flat. Sapp deflected the ball to the 304-pound Odrick, who rumbled 40 yards to the 9. Two plays later, Henne hit Brian Hartline with a 10-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-0.

Brady was so rattled it took him 10 plays to put the Pats ahead to stay.

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considered his mea culpa as proof that he is a leader.

"That is him trying to create his identity and show, 'I am going to be responsible for how far this team goes,'" defensive end Marcus Spears said. "I think that is something he put on his shoulders and I personally like it. ... It will only help him to feel that way."

Linebacker Keith Brooking didn't even know Romo took the blame, or that the quarterback has a reputation for making risky decisions with a game on the line.

"That's not the rap

in this locker room," Brooking said. "Who cares what everybody else thinks? ... That wasn't Tony Romo's loss. ... That's not the way this team looks at it."

Brooking said Romo picked apart one of the best defenses in the league. He considered it as Romo continuing a roll that began in training camp.

"I'll take that guy over anybody in this league," Brooking said. "Y'all might think I'm crazy, but I'm telling you right now, he's going to have an all-time year. He'll probably shatter every record. ... I've seen enough football to know the guy's ready for the next level."

Romo is 31 and going

into his sixth season as a starter. His storybook rise from an undrafted player to a Pro Bowler has been overshadowed by what he hasn't done (1-3 in the playoffs), and how he hasn't done it. A common theme in all his disappointing losses has been late-game turnovers, usually while trying to force a play he probably shouldn't have tried.

Having grown up in Wisconsin during Brett Favre's heyday, it's no surprise Romo is wired that way. But he also has the talent to make those kind of plays, which is why then-Cowboys coach Bill Parcells gave him a chance back in 2006. It's worth noting that Romo's career passer rating of 95.5 is fourth best in league history; his 64.1 percent completion rate is eighth best.

"His gift is his curse," Parcells said Monday on ESPN.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said Monday that Romo isn't the only quarterback to let a great performance be undermined by a stumble at the end. He talked about all quarterbacks struggling to balance being smart and being aggressive.

"I think the better players get, the more aggressive they tend to be," Garrett said. "In this particular case it didn't work out well for us, but you never want to take away a quarterback's aggressiveness."

Romo cut way down on his mistakes in 2009 and the Cowboys won the division and he earned his lone playoff win. He broke a collarbone six games into a disappointing 2010 season, and has

said his time on the sideline left him craving the competition.

Jon Kitna did an admirable job filling in, sparking talk of what a great leader he was — and Romo wasn't. But Romo took charge during the lockout, organizing workouts attended by more than 40 players. And the former gossip-rag cover boy disappointed single women everywhere by walking down the aisle this summer.

Tight end Jason Witten broke into the league with Romo and remains a close friend. Nothing he saw Sunday night dimmed his opinion of Romo.

"Obviously, it was a disappointing couple of plays, but that doesn't define who he is," Witten said. "We know what type of player he is, so we'll get back on track. We have all the confidence in the world in him."

Witten said he has "no filter" when talking to Romo, so he would tell his buddy if he thought the quarterback blew

it. Witten described the emotion as "more of a disappointment than it is more anger."

"I think that's across the team," he said. "That's not just the tight end talking, or a teammate or a buddy. You go around this room there is a lot of confidence in him and what he does and what he creates for the team. Nobody is pointing the finger, and it's not just saying the right thing. I think everybody in this room believes it."

As for Romo, he didn't speak with local reporters Monday, but he did conduct a conference call with San Francisco reporters. He said he got home around 5:15 a.m. and was at team headquarters by 10 a.m. to start getting ready for the 49ers.

"You have to get ready for the next one and we have to put that one behind us," he said. "I have to come out and play my best game this week and make sure that what happened last week doesn't happen again, and I'll do that."

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FICA & Medicare	95.47
Retirement	42.31
Insurance	305
Bonds & Dues	100
Postage	50
Car Expense	5000
Tax Assessor-Collector	
Salary	1200
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Salary	1200
Longevity	48
FICA & Medicare	95.47
Retirement	42.31
Insurance	305
Equipment	3000
County Constable	
Salary	1200
Longevity	48
FICA & Medicare	95.47
Retirement	42.31
Insurance	305

A copy of the proposed 2011-2012 budget for Glasscock County is available for inspection in the office of County/District Clerk Glasscock County Courthouse Garden City, TX 79739.

A budget hearing will be conducted September 26, 2011 @ 9:00 AM in the Courtroom of the Glasscock County Courthouse. Any citizen is welcome to attend.

Kim Halfmann
Glasscock County Judge
#7107 September 13, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Tomorrow Venus slips into Libra. But not before she begins an argument with Pluto in authoritative Capricorn. In the weeks to come, we will work on evening out the inequities of love, friendship and commerce. And though discussions and negotiations are likely to be smooth, bringing the subject up in the first place will take guts.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your plans are more ambitious than you first realized, though they are still very much within the realm of possibility. You will need a lot of help. Think about how you can rally people around your vision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will have limits placed on what you can and can't do. The funny part is that you actually welcome the rules and impositions because you want to be challenged. How else are you going to become great?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll see 10 possible solutions to a problem, while the average person sees maybe one. So speak up. The world needs to hear your advice, even if they don't take it. You'll get people thinking differently.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you look around your home, you see a lot of things you really need — and a lot of things you don't. Instead of increasing the number of things you own, scale down the number of things you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't be worried about your image or what others are thinking about you. You'll have an impact on someone's life, and that makes you feel absolutely marvelous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that misfortune brings a fool to his senses. But you don't have to be a fool to receive the wakeup call. Minor accidents, for instance, a slight slip or spill, will remind you to slow down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is such a thing as being too diplomatic. A line will be drawn today, and you'll be

moved to take a stand. You will have the opportunity to declare a loyalty. There is dignity in this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Do something out of the ordinary. You'll be in a social mood, though you might have to initiate the fun to make it happen. Call a friend to go bargain hunting or to take a bike ride on a scenic route.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Because of your selflessness, you'll make a favorable impression on someone interesting. This person will, at some later date, help you out. For now, though, you'll just be glad for the favorable attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your excitement over a project will be contagious. Make sure that you also have a specific plan. Work it through on your own before you share it. Your instructions will be followed to the letter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will look back to when a problem first began. You might recognize that it started with circumstances very much like the ones you

encounter today. You will take preventive measures.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't want to be the "bad guy," but someone might put you in that position anyway. It's because you have such a soft way of delivering the hard facts. You're gifted in the art of letting people down easy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 13). You'll have more time with someone who makes your heart beat a little faster. Take in new scenery in October. Unexpected visitors bring excitement at the end of 2011. January ushers in a different routine and increased energy and vitality. Your success will be intertwined with the success of family. Cancer and Capricorn people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 3, 20 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My friend just got an award that I have dreamed of winning ever sense I can remember. Seeing her receive this was like swallowing a bitter pill. I could hardly fake being happy for her. All I could think is: Where did I go

wrong? Maybe I didn't work hard enough, or maybe I gave up too soon. Or I'm just not as talented or lucky as she is. I now can't stand being around my friend. Even hearing her name makes me want to go back and do my life over, which of course I can't. I'm in agony over this, but I have no one to tell since I'm well aware that it will make me sound like a nut job. How can a Leo get over being jealous?"

You truly can't help how you feel, so accept these feelings and know that they do not categorically make you a "nut job." Jealousy is normal, especially for a Leo who is hardwired to crave attention and public recognition. The good news is that you are clearly passionate and driven — otherwise you wouldn't be feeling this way. Answer the questions you are having without being too hard on yourself, and choose a new goal.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I met three years ago. He was separated from his wife of 20 years after he found out she was cheating on him. Their divorce was final six months later. "Lawrence" is a lot older. I am 28, and he is 50.

His ex has caused nothing but problems for us, so naturally, I don't much care for her.

This past year, however, Lawrence has been going over to her house under the pretense of seeing his grandchildren.

There are also a lot of phone calls and text messages between the two of them.

I don't like this one bit, but Lawrence has made it clear that if I can't deal with her, our relationship is over. I love him very much, but why is it OK for him to hang out with his ex-wife, but if I so much as talk to a male friend, he becomes angry?

How do I compete with a 20-year relationship? He

insists they are just friends, and he only goes to her place when the grandchildren are there. But I have a gut feeling that he is not telling me everything.

So, my question is, do I simply deal with this, or do I put my foot down and give him an ultimatum? — *Stressed About the Ex*

Dear Stressed: We think Lawrence is still interested in his ex-wife. If this were solely about the grandchildren, he could arrange to see them without going to her home. Instead, he made it clear that his need to see her takes precedence over his relationship with you. If you give him an ultimatum, you will lose him — but at this point, that may be the better choice.

Dear Annie: Recently, my mother, an intelligent older woman, fell victim to a contracting scam. The contractor noticed she needed some work

there were immediate problems. The contractor and his workers showed up for half a day for the first week, whereupon he told her she needed additional work and took another check from her. They've now been missing for two weeks and have made no attempt to contact her.

I contacted the county and was told that he does not have a legitimate business license. The paper he showed her was forged. It is imperative for anyone who has been scammed to contact the attorney general in their state to file a complaint.

The more complaints, the more likely it is that the matter will be pursued. It's also important to contact your local homebuilders association for information on how to avoid being the victim of a scam. And always check out any contractor before you hire them, no matter how professional or charming they appear to be. — *Hoping To Stop*

the Crook in Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Hoping: Thanks for the warning. We'll add one more: Do not pay the bulk of the money in advance. A reasonable down payment should be enough.

Dear Annie: Please tell "Not Dutiful Much Longer," and others who struggle to deal with an elderly relative who behaves in a nasty manner, that a simple antidepressant can make a big difference. It can make the relative feel better, and life can be more pleasant for her and for people around her. — *A Psychologist Who Knows*

Dear Psychologist: It is true that an antidepressant or antianxiety medication can be tremendously beneficial for some people, but unfortunately, not all of them are willing to try.

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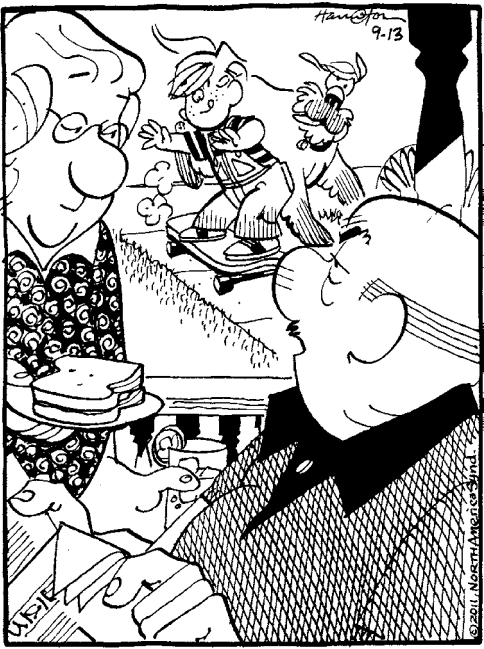
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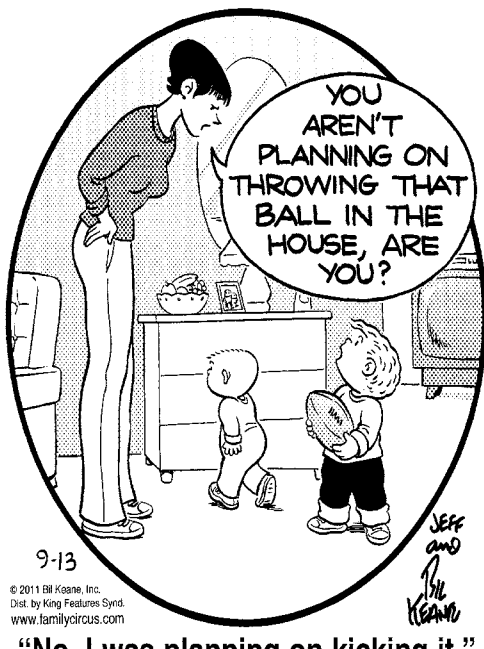
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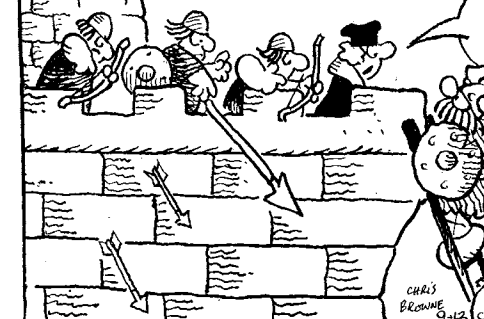
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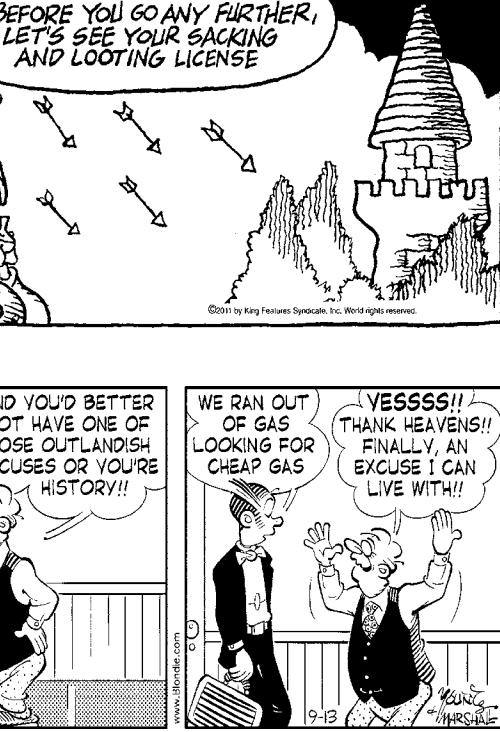


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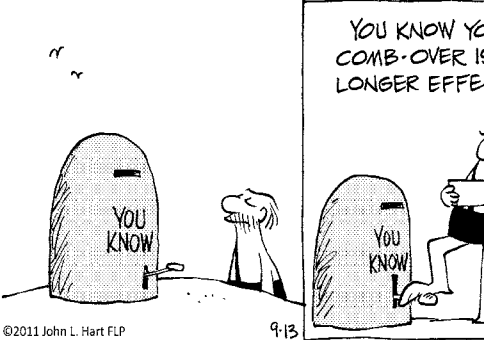
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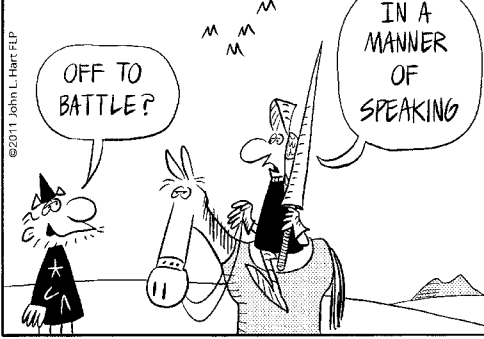
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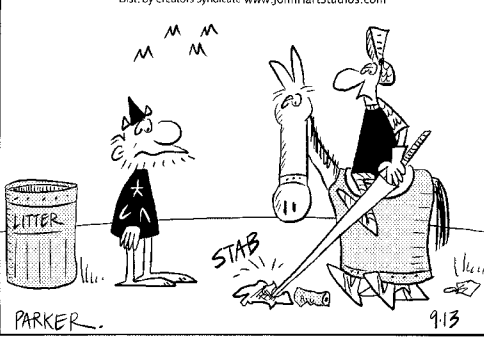
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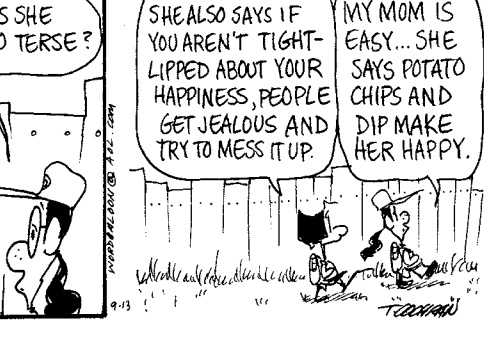
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2011. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1971, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in western New York ended as police and guards stormed the prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed a total of 43 lives — 32 inmates and 11 employees.

On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1911, the song "Oh, You Beautiful Doll," a romantic rag

by Nat D. Ayer and Seymour Brown, was first published by Jerome H. Remick & Co.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate; she became the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1959, Elvis Presley first met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967, but divorced in 1973.)

In 1970, the first New York City Marathon was held; winner Gary Muhrcke finished the 26.2-mile run, which took place entirely inside Central Park, in 2:31:38.

In 1989, Fay Vincent was elected commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti (juh-MAH'-tee).

In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur died at a Las Vegas hospital six days after he was wounded in a drive-by shooting; he was 25.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Bain is 80. Actress Eileen Fulton ("As the World Turns") is 78. TV producer Fred Silverman is 74. Former White House spokesman Larry Speakes is 72. Actor Richard Kiel is 72. Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 70. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 67. Singer Peter Cetera is 67. Actress Christine Estabrook is 61. Actress Jean Smart is 60. Singer Randy Jones (The Village People) is 59. Record producer Don Was is 59. Actor Isaiah Whitlock Jr. is 57. Actress-comedian Geri Jewell is 55. Country singer Bobbie Cryer is 50. Rock singer-musician

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

A LIKELY STORY by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Generous one
 - 6 Snow coaster
 - 10 Oohs and ___
 - 14 Wear away
 - 15 Cab
 - 16 Shredded cabbage dish
 - 17 Touches down
 - 18 Sound boosters
 - 19 Add to the payroll
 - 20 Student's no-homework excuse
 - 23 Honey maker
 - 24 Home: Abbr.
 - 25 Put up a fight
 - 27 Bricklayer
 - 30 Sheriff's star
 - 32 Ultra-manly
 - 33 Poor, as an excuse
 - 34 Stop up
 - 38 Student's no-homework excuse
 - 41 Inflict upon
 - 42 Laundry appliance
 - 43 Allowed by law
 - 44 12-year-old
 - 46 Flag maker
 - 47 "Just a moment!"
 - 50 Haul to the garage
 - 51 Evil spell
 - 52 Student's no-homework excuse
 - 59 Clever people
 - 61 Opera solo
 - 62 Not as good
 - 63 Folklore monster
 - 64 Barbecue orders

- DOWN**
- 1 Sandwich shop
 - 2 Spoken
 - 3 Taboo thing
 - 4 Racetrack stats
 - 5 Interstate
 - 6 Remains
 - 7 Ewe's offspring
 - 8 Trade show, for short
 - 9 State of confusion
 - 10 Fireplace residue
 - 11 Suspect's story
 - 12 Rabbit relatives
 - 13 Like sugar
 - 21 Guys
 - 22 Beer barrel
 - 26 Hush-hush
 - 27 Tuna-salad ingredient
 - 28 Bank statement ID
 - 29 Takes a picture of
 - 30 Conductor's stick
 - 31 Prayer ender
 - 32 2500, in old Rome
 - 33 Entice
 - 35 Fireplace throw-ins
 - 36 Acceptable
 - 37 Salon goop
 - 39 Budget illustration
 - 40 Amazed
 - 45 More than damp
 - 46 Marshy area
 - 47 "That's incredible!"
 - 48 Horse's sound
 - 49 Something added
 - 50 Raise one's glass to
 - 53 A Great Lake
 - 54 First claim, informally
 - 55 Carryall bag
 - 56 Historical periods
 - 57 Castaway's home
 - 58 Golf pegs
 - 60 Ready to go

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